

Times **Your Community**

Day in the Park will be a celebration of all the best in District 8

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Join me! On Saturday, Oct. 2, bring your friends and family to the 18th annual Day in the Park for a celebration of all the best of District 8. From 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., enjoy live music, dancing, a free barbecue (while it lasts!), free pumpkins for the first 1,000 kids, skate demos, and more! We'll come together and get our community moving.

Last year, over 3,000 attendees enjoyed a great time and found new ways to connect with resources in our community. We're expanding the job fair this year, so if you are searching for work, come prepared with several copies of your resume. As always, we have community booths where you can meet non-profits and community groups with common interests and concerns. What a great way to find a volunteer opportunity or meet

fellow San Jose residents who care about issues in our great city and beyond.

A healthy community is an active community, so I hope you're ready for some fun in the sun. Kamali'i O Ke Kai Outrigger Canoe Club will provide free canoe demos beginning at 11 a.m. If you prefer terra firma, give the rock climbing wall a try. It is open all day. The multicultural performers start at 10 a.m. Feature performer Latin Affect takes the

stage at 1:30 p.m. There's more. Check out the west coast's largest skate park at the Lake Cunningham Skate Park. Demos begin at noon sharp.

We'll also have a health fair, complete with flu shots! It is more fun to do it here than at the doctor's office.

I'd like to thank our sponsors, who along with the City of San Jose make

this event possible: Green Republic LLP, SummerHillHomes LLC, La Familia LP, Barbaccia Properties Holdings LLD, El Observador Publications Inc., Kaiser Permanente, Allied Waste Services, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Beshoff MotorCars, Yellow Checker Cab Company, Pacific Coast Farmers Market, McCarthy Ranch, San Isidro Sikh Temple, Valley Credit Union, Santa Clara County Association of Realtors, Work 2 Future, San



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Isoe Water Company, South Bay Islamic Association, Wells Fargo, Eastridge Mall, and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. We could not put together such a robust event without the support of these sponsors. Let's not forget to thank Lake Cunningham Regional Park for providing free parking, free fishing, and free

access to the skate park!

Speaking of volunteers, I also salute the volunteers who have already spent countless hours getting ready for this event, and those who are preparing to volunteer at the event. What a wonderful service to our community! For more information about this event, call (408) 535-4908, or visit www.sanjoseca.gov/district8.

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Troop 251's 55th Eagle out of the nest

On Sept. 14, Chris Blum, of Evergreen's Troop 251, achieved the highest rank of Boy Scouting by earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He is the 55th Eagle Scout that has advanced out of Troop 251 since the troop's inception. Less than five percent of all boy scouts nationwide achieve this recognition, so congrats to both Chris as well as Troop 251.

To obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout must work hard to excel in activities relating to his academic life, his scouting life, his family life and his community. He must complete a number of required merit badges which focus on life skills and civic responsibility such as communications, emergency preparedness, first aid, and citizenship in the nation, community, etc.

Additionally, a scout must demonstrate both a focus on community service as well as communication and leadership skills. For community service, Chris participated in scout-driven community service initiatives, as well as being a member of Interact (a community service organization at his high school) and several academic organizations focused on providing service to the community.

To demonstrate good communication and leadership skills, besides holding a variety of leadership roles within Troop 251 (assistant senior patrol leader, patrol leader, newsletter editor, etc.), Chris had to complete a required Eagle Project, which is a community service project led by an eagle candidate. Chris' project was to pull together detailed information on the academic and extra-curricular programs at Silver Creek High School, creating both a school brochure as well as a lengthy 26-page informational document. Chris also wrote two articles on Silver Creek High School's Forensics and Business programs which were published in the *Evergreen Times* (copies of the informational documents can be obtained via your sending an email to SilverCreekPTSA@sbcglobal.net).



Chris Blum recently attained his Eagle Scout designation. Photo courtesy Diane Blum

Along with obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Chris was recently accepted into the engineering program at University of California, San Diego, where he will start a new adventure this fall.

EESD and ESUHSB Candidates Forum at Oct. 7 D8CRT meeting

Please join the candidates for the Evergreen Elementary School District Board and the East Side Union High School District Board at the Oct. 7 meeting of the District 8 Community Round Table. The EESD and ESUHSB candidates will have time for brief presentations about themselves, followed by a Q&A period. This will be your chance to speak with the candidates and make your voice heard.

In addition to the EESD and ESUHSB Candidates Forum, the Oct. 7 D8CRT meeting will also include a discussion about potential future development of the Mirassou site located on Aborn and Ruby in Evergreen. Vince Cantore, representing Summerhill Homes, will discuss the details of the proposed Mirassou residential/commercial development project.

The October 7 D8CRT meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m. in the Evergreen Branch Library Community Room. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information about the D8CRT, visit www.d8crt.org.

Let us hear from you!

Readers are encouraged to submit story ideas and comments for publication in The *Evergreen Times*. Space is limited. Letters and email may be edited for clarity and must include identification. Comments must be received by Wednesday prior to the Saturday publication date to be included. Send your letter via email to jeanne@timesmediainc.com.

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